

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

**Outcome: Higher Education Research and International**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000579**

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah asked on 31 May 2017, Proof Hansard page 46

***Average university debt (1988–89)***

**Question**

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: What was the average university debt when someone graduated?

Mr Learmonth: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Could you take that on notice, for that period?

Mr Learmonth: Yes, sure.

**Answer**

Of the 32,270 students who had commenced a bachelor course in 1989 and completed their course, their average HECS debt was \$5822 on graduation.

*Source: Higher Education Statistics*